REMARKS

The above amendment is presented to eliminate multiple dependent claims, thereby reducing PTO filing fees.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended as follows:

- 5. (Amended) The magnetic rubber composition for encoder according to claim 1, [2, 3 or 4, characterized in that] wherein the magnetic rubber composition for encoder further contains 0.1 to 10 parts of vulcanization agent per 100 parts of hydrogenated nitrile butadiene rubber with 15 to 50% of acrylonitrile amount and 80 to 99% of hydrogenation ratio.
- 6. (Amended) The magnetic rubber composition for an encoder according to claim 1, [2, 3, 4 or 5, characterized in that] wherein the magnetic rubber composition for encoder further contains 2 to 30 parts of carbon black per 100 parts of the hydrogenated nitrile butadiene rubber with 15 to 50% of acrylonitrile amount and 80 to 99% of hydrogenation ratio.